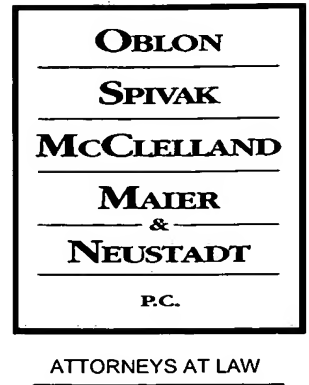




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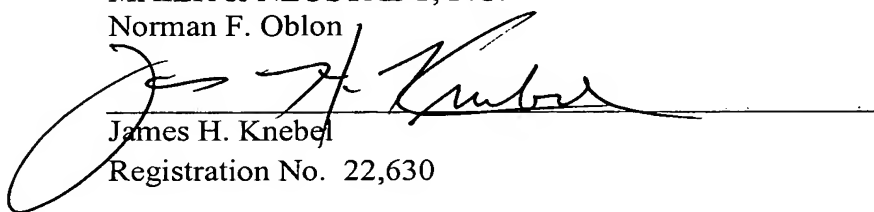
Restriction Requirement

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Respectfully submitted,

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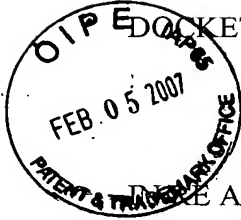

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed January 5, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 11-27, drawn to a process for the purification by distillation of 1,2-propylene glycol.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Groups II, Claim 28, if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.